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EFFORT TO REASSURE THE UNITED STATES

Ambassador Issues Statement on German Admiralty's Announcement of Plans

SAYS THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN LATEST DECREE

Not Intention to Molest American Ships Carrying Food for Enemy Civilians

Washington, Feb. 6.—The German embassy declared in a statement issued to-day in regard to the decree placing the waters around the British Isles in the war zone, that Germany "does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with foodstuffs for the civilian populations of enemy countries."

The statement expresses the hope "that Britain will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the *Wilhelmina*."

The statement in full follows:

"The German ambassador has not received instructions regarding the decision of the German admiralty, but according to the text of the decision the following seems clear:

"There is nothing new in the communication made on February 4 by the German admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German imperial navy towards ships of the enemy or toward neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe this as the proclamation of a paper blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been since the beginning of the war the attitude of the navies of all belligerent powers toward ships of the enemy."

"A few months ago the British admiralty proclaimed the closing of the North Sea, the waters of which are essentially neutral. Germany does not profess to close even the English Channel to neutral commerce, and she does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with foodstuffs for the civilian population of enemy countries. It is to be hoped that Britain will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the *Wilhelmina*."

"Germany does, however, announce to the world that it proposes to continue to destroy ships belonging to the enemy, and it adds the notification to neutral powers that on account of the fact that British ships are employing neutral flags, according to secret instructions now known to have been issued by the British government, bona fide neutral vessels may actually be engaged."

"Although, according to well understood and universally accepted usages of warfare, naval vessels are perfectly justified in destroying merchantmen of the enemy, the German government now sees fit to issue simply a general reminder to that effect, stating the actual radius of operations of the German submarines."

"The warning also may be taken as in the nature of an answer to the offer of a prize of £500 made in England for the first British merchant ship that should succeed in ramming and sinking a German submarine, an offer calculated to revive the long abandoned practice of privateering."

The German foreign office has accompanied the proclamation with a long explanatory memorandum which Ambassador Gerard reported he would send subsequently.

The proclamation itself, however, according to the official text, makes it clear that "all enemy ships" found in the "zone of operations" as the areas are described, will be destroyed and points out that contingencies may arise which may make it impossible to save passengers and crew.

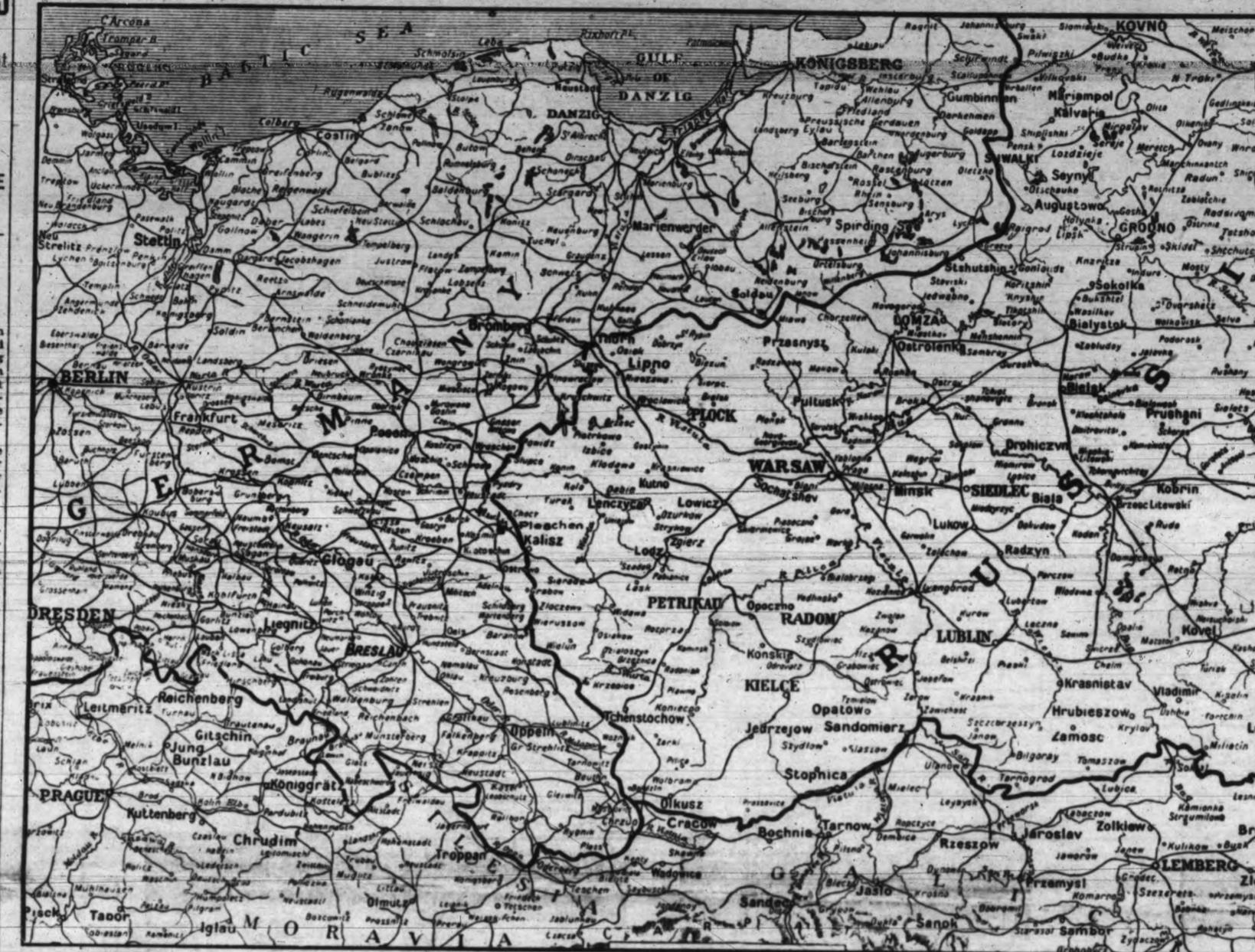
As for neutral vessels venturing into the war zone, the proclamation points out the dangers to which they "may be exposed," in view of the misuse of neutral flags by enemy ships, and declares that efforts to strike at belligerent vessels might in some cases unintentionally strike neutral vessels.

Officials here are awaiting the German foreign office memorandum before taking any further steps, as they believe that may explain the points on which there is now some doubt.

If the areas prescribed by the proclamation are described as within the territorial waters of Great Britain and Ireland, a different situation may arise from that which would include extensive portions of the high seas. Unless the German memorandum explains the precautions which German naval commanders will take to ascertain whether a ship flying a neutral flag is really a neutral vessel, it is most probable that an expression from the United States government will follow pointing out that the destruction of neutral vessels, carrying non-contraband cargoes, or the injury to their passengers, would not meet with the acquiescence of this government.

Under the rules issued to American naval commanders during the Spanish-American war, destruction of enemy or neutral ships captured on the high seas, which were certainly to be condemned as prizes for carrying contraband was permitted, but only in cases of overwhelming necessity such possible recapture by the enemy

Where Desperate Fighting Is Taking Place on the Eastern Front



QUIET DAY ALONG THE WESTERN LINES

FATE OF SHIP BILL STILL PROBLEMATICAL

No Infantry Engagements Reported Yesterday; Artillery Exchanges

Democratic and Republican Leaders Ready to Continue the Fight

Paris, Feb. 6.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the fighting which reads as follows:

"No infantry engagements have been reported as having occurred during the day of February 5."

"From Arras to Rheims there were artillery engagements with results satisfactory to us. There has been no change in the situation in the vicinity of Perthes and Massiges."

"In the Argonne and in the Woerre district, French artillery yesterday dispersed convoys of the enemy, and set fire to a convoy train of 25 wagons."

"There has been nothing to report from the rest of the front. We brought down a captive balloon behind the German lines at a point to the north of Somme."

Paris, Feb. 6.—The French official communication made public last night said:

"During the night of February 4-5, some German contingents endeavored, but without success, to advance from their trenches before Notre Dame de Lorette."

"Our artillery has done some very effective shooting in the valley of the Aisne."

"In Champagne, to the north of Beaufour, our troops made some slight progress during the night. To the north of Massiges the enemy began an attack during the day of Friday, which was repelled."

"In the Argonne we have consolidated our position on the ground which we captured February 4 at Bagatelle."

"In Alsace a German attack to the south of Altkirch was repulsed."

"An aviator dropped several bombs upon St. Die and it is reported that four civilians were killed."

Geneva, Feb. 6.—General von Borodungen, staff commander of the German operations in Lower Alsace, with headquarters at Altkirch, has been forced by allied aviators, who bombarded the headquarters, to return to Mulhouse, from which place state papers and valuables are being removed to Freiburg.

A German aeroplane fell at Mudor, near the Swiss frontier. The two officers in the aeroplane were seriously injured and the machine was smashed.

GERMAN EMPEROR GOES TO EASTERN WAR ZONE

London, Feb. 6.—An official announcement received to-day from Berlin says that Emperor William, after completing his inspection of the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven, has gone to the eastern war zone by way of Czestochowa, Russia Poland.

A telegram sent by the emperor to the troops which participated in the attack on the heights of Craonne, is given in a Berlin dispatch as follows: "Warm congratulations for your fine success, which is to be ascribed to the wisdom of the commanding officers, as well as to the great bravery of the troops, whose month-long activity in trench warfare could in no wise diminish their attacking power."

RUSSIANS ATTACK AGAIN SAYS AUSTRIAN REPORT

Vienna, Feb. 6.—An official statement issued here to-day says:

"In Poland and Western Galicia the situation is unchanged."

"Russian attacks have been renewed at certain places in the Carpathians, but have broken down with heavy losses to the enemy. Our attacks continue in the forest region. The number of prisoners taken by us in the Carpathians has been increased by four thousand."

TURKS BUY FREEDOM FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—The Reich has published a dispatch from its special correspondents at Odessa, who declare that according to news reaching that city from Turkey, a famine of corn is imminent in the Turkish empire, and furthermore the government is urgently in need of funds.

The military authorities are exempting able-bodied men from serving in the army for \$200. Of this amount \$150 goes to the ministry of war and the remainder is divided between the navy and the Red Cross. Reserves are exempted for the sum of \$140. Well-to-do Turks are making use of these exemption clauses.

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IDZUMO AND HIZEN HASTENING TO WRECK

Will Probably Take Asama's Officers and Men Away; Destruction Was Rapid

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, it is said, went down last Saturday afternoon at the entrance to Turtle Bay. The cruiser was making ten knots at the time. The rock, submerged to a depth of about twelve feet, ripped open the hull about fifteen feet abaft the bow. The warship settled quickly and the gale which began to blow that night is said to have completed her destruction.

The Asama's condensers were put out of commission, it is understood, a few hours after the impact. Her wireless apparatus was rendered useless.

The U. S. S. Raleigh and San Diego reached the Asama last night and the Japanese cruiser Idzumo and battleship Hizen are steaming at full speed for the scene.

According to word received here the officers and crew of the wrecked Japanese warship will not be brought into an American port, but will embark either aboard the Hizen or the Idzumo.

An interesting question in admiralty procedure has arisen over the wreck. Under a strict interpretation of the neutrality laws, Mexico, it is pointed out, has a perfect right to intercede until the expiration of the European war, the officers and men of the Asama who landed on Mexican soil. At the same time the United States warships or ships of other neutral nations may assist in the saving of life from the wreck.

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FRENCH SHIPS HELPED TO DEFEND SUEZ CANAL

Paris, Feb. 6.—The ministry of marine issued the following statement last night: "The French warships Requin and D'Entrecasteaux contributed effectively to the defence of the Suez canal against the attacks of the Turkish army on Feb. 3. The Requin silenced the enemy's heavy artillery and the D'Entrecasteaux scattered large bodies of the attacking troops. There was no loss on either ship."

CONTINUE COSTLY ATTEMPT ON WARSAW

Hindenburg's Army Has Lost Initiative in Struggle Russians Say

London, Feb. 6.—On his chosen ground to the west of Warsaw, General von Hindenburg, the German commander, is continuing his costly lunge to break through to the Polish capital. At the same time the Russians, farther to the north, have pressed forward and, after crossing the Bzura river, they are seriously threatening the Germans with an outflanking movement.

Thus another great battle for Warsaw is on, involving perhaps a greater loss of life than any other conflict in the war. The issue is still undecided, but the Russians claim that the initiative has passed to them, although further furious German attacks are expected.

The important struggle in the Carpathians is dragging on without any decisive turn. Broadly speaking, it appears that in the western half of the battle region, the Russians are making headway, while in the eastern half they appear to have fallen back from the Lupkow and Boskodz passes on prepared positions where they are attempting to stem the rush of the Austro-German forces. The Russian counter blow on the massed assaults of General von Hindenburg's men is to British observers the most interesting development of the struggle in the east. It overshadows the moment operations of Russians in East Prussia and is taken in some quarters to indicate that they have ceased playing the role of merely holding their lines to the west of Warsaw and have determined on an effort to expel the invaders.

The western war zone has seen virtually no change during the week, but there are many reports of German preparations for a renewed struggle in Bialystok.

The German threat of a submarine blockade may be a factor in the situation, the theory being advanced that the Germans expect the allies to attempt to force them back from the coast, with the purpose of destroying their submarine base.

Dispatches from Cairo indicate that the Turks who attacked the Suez canal were merely the advance contingent of the invading army soon to be heard from.

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Russian Experts Believe Violent Attacks in Poland Are to Shield Movement

DETAILS OF RUSSIAN VICTORY ON BZURA

Continued Advance of Czar's Forces in Carpathians is Reported

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—Latest reports from the front in Russian Poland bring some brief details of the important Russian victory on the Bzura river.

While the Germans, with three-quarters of their forces along the Bzura, continued to hammer at the Russian line, the Russians seized this opportunity to throw their forces across the Bzura at Kamion, near the junction of the Bzura with the Vistula and captured the German fortified position at this place. At the same time they drove the Germans across the Bzura at Dakhova, which is close to Sochaczew.

At Kamion, the Russians captured a quantity of steel bullet-proof shields, which they immediately utilized in the succeeding fighting. They also took a number of quick-firing guns from the enemy, and in this district and also on the upper Rawka river they were successful in capturing a good many German outposts. Near Bialowice, the Germans were unrelenting in their attack and the Russians countered with equal ferocity. The German forces repeatedly made use of armored motor cars on which machine guns and quick-fires had been set up. A half of shrapnel from the Russian lines, however, forced them to retire.

Russian military experts are of the opinion that the desperation evinced by the Germans in Russian Poland is a shield for the removal of forces toward the western front, and they compare these attacks with those delivered by General von Hindenburg in the early weeks of the war when corps of German soldiers were flushed toward France.

From Skierwice southward to Radom and Kielce there have been scattered artillery engagements. Farther south of this line, Austro-German forces have attempted to take the offensive at Shernike which is sixteen miles to the southwest of Kielce and also at a point near Rembow, which is twenty miles farther south on the river Nida. At Shernike, the Russians anticipated an attack, destroyed the bridge over the Nida and shelled the enemy from the opposite bank, forcing him to retire. At Rembow also the Russians report a victory.

At Shabno, which is just to the north of Tarnow, in Galicia, the Austrians made an attempt to open the Russian fortifications on the left bank of the Donajec. They endeavored to approach by means of an elaborate system of trenches, but they were driven out from these shelters at the point of the bayonet.

In the Carpathians, from Dukla Pass to Uzrok and thence fifty miles directly south of Przemysl, the Russians report a continued advance in which they are pushing the enemy to the south. Three thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken in the actions in the past three days.

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—The following report by the general staff of the Russian army was issued last night:

"The combats on the Bzura and Rawka rivers continue with undiminished energy. Our troops began an offensive movement, crossed the Bzura near its mouth, captured a portion of the enemy's position near Dakhova and dislodged the Germans from their bridge head."

"In the vicinity of Borjimow, Gouw and Wola Szylowicka our attacks alternate incessantly with those of the enemy under an unbroken artillery fire."

"On the remainder of the left bank of the Vistula front, south of the Skierwice-Visok railway, the artillery fire has diminished somewhat."

"We blew up a bridge on the Nida, which had been constructed by the enemy near the village of Gornik, and repulsed some attempts by the enemy to launch an offensive on the Nida near Rembow, and on the bank of the Doumaetz opposite the bridge head of Conar."

"In the northwest Carpathians, in the direction of Oujok, we continued the offensive and took as many as 3,000 prisoners. To the southeast of Oujok we are still being submitted to a very high pressure by the enemy's fire."

PATRICIA REGIMENT LOSES LANCE-CORPORAL

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A cable received this morning announces the death of Lance-Corporal Roger C. Pepler, of the Princess Patricia regiment, who was killed in action in the trenches on January 24. He was 28 years of age and a son of the late Irwin E. Pepler, of Barrie, Ont. He enlisted at Edmonton.

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DYING GENERAL SAID HIS MEN WERE HEROES

Urged His Fellow Officer Always to Advance; His Love of France

Paris, Feb. 6.—The Temps has published the following story of the death of General Bridoux, taken from the notebook of an army surgeon just returned from captivity in Germany:

"I passed yesterday through one of the most touching experiences of my life," the surgeon writes. "General Bridoux, in command of our navy corps, died in my arms. I have seen many deaths in twenty years and I have read of deaths of the generals of the empire, but I am convinced that so noble a soul as that of General Bridoux has rarely animated a mortal."

"The battle was raging in a fog so thick that one could see no further than 200 yards. In order the better to watch the operations, the general and his staff were approaching the lines in their automobiles. Coming into a clearing the party sustained a heavy musketry fire from a party of Germans concealed fifty yards away in a thicket. Two chauffeurs and two ordnance officers were killed outright before the cavalry escort could intervene and drive them away. General Bridoux fell back in his seat with his hand to his breast. A bullet had shattered his shoulder, penetrated the body and pierced a lung."

"We carried him into a log hut in the thicket. 'I suffer,' he exclaimed. 'I feel very ill.' Then he talked of his wife and children to the chaplain, but to us he spoke only of the army, of his soldiers, of his corps of cavalry that marches without horses and of which all the men are heroes."

"General Buisson, who commanded a division under Bridoux, arrived. 'My dear Buisson,' said the dying general, 'I am about to die for my country and I am almost happy since that will give you a command of which you are worthy. Do not forget that our role is to advance, always advance, and that we should do all the harm possible to the invaders who seek to annihilate our beautiful France. I have confidence in the final victory, and I regret to have contributed so little to it.'

"I did joyfully for my country," he resumed after a paroxysm. "Tell the cavalry corps that the sacrifice of my life should serve as an example."

CONSIDERING PLANS

FOR RAISING REVENUE

Members of Dominion Cabinet Said to Hold Different Opinions

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Temps has published the following story of the death of General Bridoux, taken from the notebook of an army surgeon just returned from captivity in Germany:

"There is a difference of opinion among the members of the government as to how best the \$15,000,000 additional revenue which is needed to defray the cost of administration during the fiscal year can be raised. The proposed new measures of taxation suggested by the minister of finance have not apparently met with the favor of all the members of the cabinet, and there will be a revision before the budget speech, which was at first scheduled for next Tuesday, is delivered."

"Shall the masses or classes bear the greater part of the burden?" is the question which has to be decided. Increased taxes on sugar and a tax on tea are said to be among the proposed methods for raising the required money. Here it is pointed out, the people, or the man with the large family must pay more proportionately than the rich man with the small family.

"The taxing of raw products is said to be another proposal which the government has in view. Such taxes, it is said, would be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the duties on the finished product and the consumer of the additional cost, while the manufacturer would be little affected. Increased excise duties on tobacco and liquors are always considered defensible, as are also taxes on the luxuries of life, but the income to be gained from such increases will necessarily be infinitesimal."

"There also is a large mass of opinion among members here in favor of a tax of, say, one mill on the dollar on all assessable property in Canada, and it is stated that this method will find many advocates when the question of taxation is being decided."

REVENUE OF CANADA IN FIRST MONTH OF 1915

Total Shows Decrease of About \$1,500,000; Customs Dropped More Than \$2,000,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The January statement of the finance department shows a picking up of excise duties. The revenue from this source was \$1,540,121, an increase of \$12,454 over a year ago. The post office revenue of \$1,365,795 was an increase of \$35,446. The public works, railways and canals and miscellaneous sources also showed increases.

The customs revenue of \$4,267,218 was over \$2,000,000 less than the same month last year. The total revenue from all sources of nearly \$10,000,000 was a little over \$1,500,000 less than last year. For the ten months of the fiscal year the revenue was \$109,523,607, or a decrease of \$29,567,508.

The net debt of the Dominion increased by \$18,500,000 during January, and now stands at \$355,669,000, as against \$360,666,000 a year ago. Loans payable in London total \$330,660,000, as compared with \$275,600,000 a year ago. Temporary loans are \$38,000,000. Dominion notes have increased from \$132,600,000 to \$158,000,000. The total assets of the Dominion have been placed at \$255,000,000, an increase of \$31,000,000. The large increase in the debt of the country is due to the August war loan of \$50,000,000.

The expenditure on capital account, exclusive of war expenditure, was \$6,978,421 for January, a decrease of \$1,500,000. For the ten months the total was \$36,000,000, or \$10,000,000 less than a year ago. On consolidated fund account for January the expenditure was \$16,364,752, or about \$800,000 less than last year, while for the ten months the expenditure of \$191,956,366 was a decrease of \$9,000,000.

DOCTOR WAS MOLESTED
AS HE SPOKE ENGLISH

Venice, Feb. 6.—Dr. Frank C. Davis, president of the American Medical Association of Vienna, has addressed a complaint to the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, in which he says that recently he has been molested three times in the Austrian capital because he spoke English. In one instance a woman wanted him ejected from a street car and in another case the proprietor of a cafe ordered him to leave his establishment.

The paper remarks in an editorial that it is unfortunate that so many citizens of Vienna forget there are 100,000 Americans there speaking English, and says it is especially regrettable that American doctors should be so insulted at a time when they are caring for sick and wounded Austrian soldiers voluntarily and with self-sacrifice.

STATES HE WILL NOT ADOPT TITLE OF TARA

London, Feb. 6.—The Earl of Aberdeen, retiring lord-lieutenant of Ireland, whose announced intention of assuming the new title of Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara provoked strong protest from Ireland, has reconsidered his decision in view of this criticism. It was announced yesterday that he would style himself the Marquis of Temair, a name which is anciently associated with the historic hall of Tara.

WILL NOT FURNISH FIGURES.

London, Feb. 6.—Donald McMaster's request in the House of Commons for the figures showing how recruiting was progressing was met with the statement from the government that it would be detrimental to the interests of the country to furnish them.

A CRUDE ATTEMPT

TO FRIGHTEN BRITAIN

London Daily Mail Ridicules Germany's Announcement; Opinion in Norway

London, Feb. 6.—The Daily Mail, in an editorial, ridicules the German admiral's statement.

"What particularly tickles the world's sense of humor," says the paper, "is the cruelty of the attempt to frighten not only Great Britain but the United States. There has been nothing like it since Napoleon issued his Berlin decree."

The Daily Chronicle deprecates the alarm that has arisen over Germany's threat.

The Times' naval correspondent says it is meant for home consumption, "and is a parody of the British communication closing the North Sea, but threatening neutral vessels instead of offering to assist them, as did the British order."

"Much rubbish is being written about the use of neutral flags by merchantmen," the Times' naval expert continues. "There is no necessity for the admiralty to give any order on this subject, and I believe none has been given. The custom of the sea and many precedents admit, however, of a merchantman flying a neutral flag when endeavoring to escape from an enemy."

"Not many years ago Great Britain acknowledged this right when she was herself a neutral, and if our ships hoist neutral flags to evade the attentions of hostile submarines they will have law on their side."

Christiansburg, Feb. 6.—The opinion expressed by many here is that Germany is not likely to put her threat of a blockade into force against neutral countries. A director of the Northern Shippers' Association stated to-day that Germany's notification would be received as a friendly caution.

The Morgenblatt, in an editorial, says it considers that there is nothing to show that Germany intends to paralyze neutral trade, and that the sinking of neutral ships in waters arbitrarily declared to be in the war area is an experiment which Germany hardly is prepared to undertake. Neutral shipowners adds the paper, certainly with greatest against, clauses imperilling their neutrality.

AMBASSADOR PROPOSES FULL NEUTRALIZATION

Washington, Feb. 6.—Complete neutralization of commerce between the Americas—in ships of all flags was proposed yesterday by Ambassador Naon, of Argentina, before the chamber of commerce of the United States.

"I maintain that complete neutralization of inter-American commerce," he said, "ought to be recognized and entailed the hope, or more than that, that we would be able to have the countries at war agree in establishing a rule that during the present war no vessel engaged exclusively in the trade between American ports shall be subject to search, detention or capture by a belligerent, no matter what flag she flies, so long as she is engaged in that commerce."

"With such a rule, we should be able to obtain all the vessels we need for the promotion of our commerce with the United States and the other American republics."

CASUALTY CLEARING STATION FOR CONTINGENT

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A new unit is to be added to the second overseas contingent. Authority has just been received at headquarters here for the recruiting of Number Two Casualty Clearing Station, and enrollment will begin at once. The new unit will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Wallace Scott, who is at present in England with Number Two General Hospital. This unit, in former cases known as a clearing hospital, stands between the field and the stationary and base clearing hospitals. The streams of wounded from all sides converge to it, pass through and are distributed.

LIEUT.-COL. NELLES' SON WAS KILLED IN ACTION

London, Feb. 6.—Second Lieutenant Norman Summins Nelles, of the first battalion Northampton regiment, a son of Lieut.-Colonel Nelles who commands the Canadian Dragoons at Salisbury Plain, is reported in the obituary columns of to-day's papers as having been killed in action on January 24.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at yesterday's inquest over Captain Sharpe, of Ottawa.

FEARS FOR STEFANSSON.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—A Brabant, chief inspector for the Hudson's Bay Company in the Mackenzie river district, who has just arrived here from the Far North on official business, says it is most unlikely that Stefansson, Arctic explorer, is in camp near Delta, on the Mackenzie, as reported by H. V. D'Ardier, at Vancouver.

BRITISH CASUALTY LIST.

London, Feb. 6.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Killed—Munday, Lieut. E. J., East Anglian Engineers. Died of wounds—Percy, Lieut. D. E., Dublin Fusiliers. Wounded—Atchison, Capt. C. E., Shropshire Light Infantry. Bennett, Lieut., D. W., King's Own Lancashire Regiment. Davies, Lieut. G. H., Shropshire Light Infantry. King, Lieut. L. H., King's Own Rifle Corps.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Cost of Victoria Normal School; Payments to Colonist; Canadian Northern Figures.

Several questions were answered in the legislature yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Price asked the minister of finance the following question:

"What is the total sum of money paid to the Colostop Printing and Publishing company during the period covered by the fiscal year 1913-14, for all services?"

Hon. Price Ellison replied as follows: "\$31,956.95."

Mr. Williams asked the minister of education the following question:

"What was the amount paid for the site of the Victoria Normal school?"

"2. What is the area of the land purchased from the owner, or through an agent or agents?"

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"4. What is the area of the land purchased from the owner, or through an agent or agents?"

"5. What amount has been expended to date on construction of the Normal School building, and what amount is estimated will be required to complete the building?"

Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows:

"1. \$45,600."

"2. Through agents."

"3. Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd."

"4. 7.6 acres."

"5. \$332,382.61. It will take, say, \$6,000 to complete payments. This \$6,000 is required to pay hold-back (\$50,000) on contract, and the balance is for fittings, etc."

Mr. Williams asked the hon. the minister of railways the following questions:

"1. What amount over and above the provincial government guarantees will be required to complete the Pacific

PARKER WILLIAMS

REPLIES TO BOWSER

Excellent Speech by Member for Newcastle; Points Where Minister Failed

When Parker Williams, member for Newcastle, rose to reply to Attorney-General Bowser's defence of his connection with the Dominion Trust company in the legislature yesterday afternoon, the galleries of the chamber were again crowded, the subject being one of greatest general public interest that the house will deal with at the present session.

Mr. Williams did not make any lengthy speech, but in the time he occupied he punctured some of the arguments adduced by Mr. Bowser the day before, and reduced the effect of the speech which had been built up by the minister. Mr. Williams was in good form and there is no doubt that his speech will be read with profit by depositors and others interested in the defunct company.

After he had spoken there was no further discussion of the matter, the word having apparently gone round that the government did not desire any ventilation of what is no pleasant subject to the treasury benches. The debate was continued on Mr. Williams' motion for papers in the case, which Mr. Bowser said there was no objection to bring down. This was in the following words:

"That an order of the house be granted for a return showing all reports made to the Hon. Attorney-General, and all reports made to the Hon. Minister of Finance, dealing with or regarding the affairs of the Dominion Trust company, as made by the inspector of trust companies or by any officer appointed under the Trust Companies' Act."

Mr. Williams' ready wit was responsible for the coining of a new phrase at the outset of his speech, when he was referring to the fact that he had not the benefit of any detailed report of the attorney-general's speech, only a summary being given in the morning paper.

"It appears that that pleasure is to be reserved for the larger audience of the Sunday morning—politics as usual," commented the member for Newcastle in an aside as he went on with his speech, but the sally brought a broad smile to every face and the attorney-general relaxed himself.

Mr. Williams said he and the member for Nanaimo had placed three resolutions on the order paper for the direct purpose of securing a statement from the attorney-general on Dominion Trust matters, which had occupied so important a place in the public attention since the wreck of the institution last October. That purpose had now been accomplished. He had hoped to have these returns brought in and the papers in hand to be scrutinized before the attorney-general spoke, but he cannot know as attorney-general what he knows in his capacity as member of the law firm.

With reference to the attorney-general's attempt in his speech to attach a share of responsibility to himself and his colleague from Nanaimo for the passing of the bill of 1913, he wished to remind the house that when they took their seats there he and the member for Nanaimo had specifically stated their position—that they refused to take the responsibility attaching to an opposition in a legislature as ordinarily made up.

Treating of the general assumption sought to be conveyed in his speech by the attorney-general, Mr. Williams said it had come to this position in this province that if any person wished to criticize any public affair in which any thiefing, any fraud had been found, such a critic was at once accused of discrediting the province for the sake of making an attack on the government.

"The quicker the Conservative press of the province gets out of that tone, the better," he continued. "I might refer them to Dr. Johnson's well-known definition of a certain class of patriots for a description of this habit."

So far as the charge that he and the member for Nanaimo were in the habit of consulting Liberal lawyers, he could say for himself that he had never, so far as he could remember, met any Liberal lawyers.

"I don't like lawyers on general principles," was his remark. "However, at times we find ourselves pretty badly in need of legal advice, as for some reason I have not the same confidence in the attorney-general as he appears to have in himself."

As legal advice was expensive, for the benefit of the opposition and to enable them to pay it he would recommend to the premier the adoption of at least one feature of the policy of the government of Saskatchewan, which the attorney-general had told the house so much about, and that was their method of fair dealing with the opposition. He merely passed the suggestion along for the premier's consideration.

Mr. Williams entered a general disclaimer as to having taken any definite position, or having made any charges in this Dominion Trust affair. The attorney-general had at great pains built up a structure on the supposed position the opposition had taken and had then proceeded to demolish it. The same disclaimer applied to his charge of an unholy alliance between the Socialists and the Liberals. Speaking personally, it took him all this time to look after his own affairs, and he was not bothering about the Liberals.

But he recalled in 1906 that the Liberals had made charges of an unholy alliance between the Socialists and the Conservatives, and he could well remember the delight of the then attorney-general, Hon. Mr. Wilson, that it did exist. The Liberals said then that there was an unholy alliance, simply because the Socialists in the house did not quarrel every ten minutes with the Conservatives.

"All I can say is, that if such an unholy alliance exists at the present time, I am not a party to it. And I think I would likely know if such were the case, as I have been four

years in politics and my conference with three, and the longer experience would argue much quicker yielding to political methods."

Turning to the Dominion Trust, Mr. Williams said that one of the strong arguments used by the company in other parts of the country was its standing in British Columbia. The corporation had its headquarters in this province, where it transacted the largest part of its business. Most of its investments were also here. In Saskatchewan, for instance, Mr. Turgeon would be in a position to say that the company had the confidence of the attorney-general of British Columbia, whose law firm was their solicitors. He would not say that Mr. Turgeon did say that, but it was some kind of an argument that he could make if he chose, and it was better than none. Such statements as Mr. Bowser made would be an argument in the mouth of any of the other Conservatives but it would be no good to the attorney-general.

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made by the attorney-general from articles Arnold had caused to be inserted in financial journals, Mr. Williams said it only showed the influence such a man could gain. He referred to one of these which had been a defence of the attorney-general, and suggested that that, too, might have been inspired. That might not be much of an argument, he said, but he offered it as a suggestion. Regarding Arnold's personality, of which so much had been made, he never had the misfortune to meet the gentleman.

"But I had thought it was part of the legal training to be able to pierce through an outside show," he went on. "There must have been a weakness in the attorney-general's training, or else he did not measure up to the specifications."

There was, he said, nothing in the argument that the banks had faith in Arnold and the company. The opposite was the case, for the Royal Bank in loaning \$167,000 to the Dominion trust had taken \$1,500,000 security. If the banks exacted that much when they had confidence in a man, how much would they ask if they had no confidence, he inquired. It was evident they knew the true state of affairs, or they never would have asked security ten to one.

The personality of a man had really nothing to do with the legal side of the company's business. It was the business of a law firm to go into the documents connected with any transaction laid before it. He instances the heavy investments of the Dominion Trust Company in such concerns as the B. C. Securities, Western Canada Properties, Alvo von Alvensleben, Ltd.; Vancouver Industrial Sites, Ltd.; Central Okanagan Land Co., Ltd.; Columbia Valley Orchards, Ltd.; Seymour Arm Estates, Ltd., all of which appear to be wild-cat schemes. Such financial schemes were never gone into without the services of a legal adviser.

The attorney-general's law firm, Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, must have come into contact with these matters. The attorney-general must therefore have had cognizance of them, unless he takes the position that he cannot know as attorney-general what he knows in his capacity as member of the law firm.

But he must have been consulted as solicitor for the Dominion Trust company in its transactions with these various companies, characterized by provisional liquidator Drayton as "wild cats." They could not have been taken on without legal advice. Then if the legal advisers did know, he would ask if that was the sort of security a trust company should invest its money in. The attorney-general must have known of these things and he had a closer connection through his law partner, who was also a director of the company.

There was another way in which the attorney-general must have known, if the inspector's trust companies were only inspecting in 1913, and as the province paid a salary to that official in 1912, he was presumably on the job.

"The attorney-general issues some challenges to me, in which I am not particularly interested," said Mr. Williams. "I will make one little challenge to him. Let him bring in reports of Inspector Rummell for the period we are asking for information on. They will not, I am sure, put as favorable a construction on the attorney-general's connection as he tries to give."

With respect to the challenge that no depositor was interested in the fact that the attorney-general's law firm were solicitors for the company, the Dominion Trust thought otherwise, for in a printed leaflet issued by them, a copy of which he produced, the name of Mr. Bowser's law firm was in large type, second only in size to the name of the Dominion Trust itself, in the very imposing array of names and figures on the leaflet.

The company must have thought the attorney-general's name was an asset or they would not have given it such prominence.

But it was not the influence of the attorney-general's name only, that placed responsibility on him, but the business relations he had with the company. As a member of the legal firm of solicitors he had control of information which placed the responsibility on him for the company's investments in many of these wild-cats which might have been nipped in the bud if he had acted on the information he had.

Speaking of the attorney-general's reputation of responsibility, he said that he yet announced the intention of the government to fight to the bitter end of certain of the creditors. He had retained E. P. Davis, K. C., for that purpose. If there was no responsibility resting on the government, why retain Mr. Davis? why take up the defence of any of these creditors. Some of them, though crippled by their losses, were well able to pay their own law costs. The government, he urged, had no right to take up this cause.

Going on to the consideration of the \$200,000 bond, which the attorney-general said the bond company meant to dispute, the speaker asked why the government meant to advance the sum mentioned and in the meantime

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go on with a law-suit if there was no responsibility. That brought another phase of the case to their attention. The attorney-general took in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick, especially Saskatchewan, to help carry the load, and to spread the responsibility



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THE WAR.

German diplomacy is again engaged in the familiar pursuit of explaining away the blunders of its baby killers and temple desecrators. When, after the outburst of rage which followed the battle in the North Sea, Berlin authorized its announcement proclaiming a paper blockade of the British Isles, threatening the destruction of every ship, belligerent or neutral, without inquiry or regard for the lives of its passengers, there came prompt inquiries from the United States, Scandinavia, Holland and Denmark. Those powers were ready to concede to Germany the right to stop and confiscate vessels carrying contraband under their flags, but they were not willing to confer upon the Germans the privilege of ruthlessly assassinating their citizens.

They have called upon Berlin for an explanation, which as now given is characteristically German. It is in effect that all that was intended was a reminder that the waters surrounding the British Isles constituted a war zone—which as news is stale—and that the announcement was prompted by the fact that the British admiralty had secretly authorized British shipping to adopt neutral flags. This latter assertion, of course, is a clumsy falsehood, the latest of the long series which have made all civilization regard the German case with disgust. The truth is that failing to shake the determination of the British people to continue sending troops to France until the foul stench of Prussia was removed forever, and rendered desperate by the state of apprehension in which the German people are known to be, the Kaiserbund sought to frighten Great Britain with impotent threats against her shipping. Germany is incapable of doing any more than she has done against British shipping or to stop the transport of troops to France. The only effect of this last piece of brag and bluster has been to confirm the antagonism of neutral powers and the determination of Britain to tighten her strangle hold. How throttling that grip is we now know. It is bringing the Hun to their knees.

Of tremendous importance and magnitude are the battles which now are in progress along the entire eastern front from the Baltic to the Carpathians. The pressure of the big Russian armies upon East Prussia and in the Carpathians prompted von Hindenburg to undertake a series of assaults west of Warsaw in massed formation resembling those in Belgium which had Calais as their objective. The sacrifice of life must have been terrible and not only was no progress made but the Russians, concentrating enormous forces in that area, succeeded in making a definite advance near Borjomi a little southwest of Warsaw. The conditions of fighting were ideal for the Russians, whose natural weapon is the bayonet, as Napoleon found out a century ago. To-day's Petrograd telegraph is very significant. It announces that the Russians, after being on the defensive for six weeks, have assumed the offensive; crossing the Bzura between the point where it joins the Vistula and Sochaczew, and no doubt they are now attempting to turn the enemy's flank in exactly the same way that they turned it last September. To save himself von Hindenburg must have reinforcements, and these cannot be obtained without seriously weakening the Germans in East Prussia, Southern Poland, or in France and Belgium. Von Hindenburg's sojourn in the region of Warsaw is near an end.

In the Carpathians the Russians continue to push forward in Hungary south of Dukla, although at points east of that they've reached the Tisza. Their strategy is aimed at the envelopment of the Germans and Austrians now engaged in fighting for the neighboring passes. It is to relieve the Russian

pressure there as well as upon East Prussia north of the Vistula that von Hindenburg is making his costly and futile plunging assaults. A few weeks ago Berlin celebrated the collapse of the Russian offensive in a "victory" which one Berlin paper described as the equal of Salamis and Leipzig. Von Hindenburg was created a field-marshall and orders were given for the erection of statues in his honor throughout Germany. What about the Russian offensive at this particular moment?

Advance guard attacks of Bedouins and Arabs against the Suez Canal have been overwhelmingly repelled. A considerable surrender of prisoners has followed each repulse, for the defeated half-starved soldiers do not care to tackle the journey back across the barren desert without food or water. We predict that when the main body reaches the canal if this expedition is continued its defeat will be followed by the wholesale capitulation of the survivors. They appreciate the merits of a square meal.

The Paris bulletin reports a quiet day in France and Belgium. Evidently the allies are contenting themselves with merely repulsing the sporadic attacks upon their lines at certain points, meanwhile assembling their main forces for the big spring opening. The nature of those operations will depend largely upon the result of the present ferocious fighting in the east. If Germany and Austria sustained a severe defeat there, the kaiser would be compelled to weaken his armies in the west, thereby making the task of the allies much easier.

CHALLENGES.

During his speech on the Dominion Trust scandal the Attorney-General challenged the member for Newcastle to show, by the production of affidavits, that any person thought of the government at all when he or she deposited money with the company. He also challenged Mr. Williams to prove where, in a single instance, a depositor was influenced by the fact that Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge were solicitors for the company.

Both these challenges are beside the point. But the first at once prompts the pertinent query: Would people have deposited their money with the company if the Attorney-General had expressed on the floor of the legislature his doubt as to the constitutionality of the legislation conferring upon it the power to take deposits and other privileges bestowed in the act of 1912? Would financial journals have remarked editorially upon the sound standing and approved business methods of the Dominion Trust under the magnetic and resourceful Mr. Arnold—now, of course, the scapegoat? Would the bond company have given to the power to take deposits? Would investors abroad and at home have continued to entrust their funds to the tender mercies of the company?

People do not think of the police or fire department when they retire at night. They take it for granted that predatory individuals will not be permitted, by either of those services to rob or burn their homes. If they thought that they could not rely upon these departments to protect them they would not stay in the town twenty-four hours. Similarly, when people deposit their money with a bank or trust company so ingrained is their conviction that they must be safe in doing so or the government would not permit these institutions to carry on business, that they never give the matter a thought.

The second challenge, relating to the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, also does not touch the issue. Few depositors, if any, concern themselves with the personnel of a company's solicitors. In this case, however, the head of the firm which was in close professional contact with the company, which advised the company as to the legality of its various transactions, which must have been privy to most of its activities, which was consulted on all the legislation applied for or obtained in the company's name, was also the Attorney-General of this province, who, according to his own statements, exercised direct control over the official of the government service whose duty was the inspection of trust companies and the safeguarding of the public interest. If Mr. Bowser is unable to appreciate the anomalous position in which this relationship placed him as a public servant he is hopeless. If he does appreciate it, he has no justification in persistently asserting that the criticism against him was inspired solely by hatred and venom, with the object of driving him out of public life. There are aspects to this question more important than the political fortunes of Mr. Bowser. They concern not merely one public man or a government, but the position of hundreds of humble people whose life-long savings have been swept away by the collapse of this company, and they concern the reputation of this province in the eyes of the world.

Mr. Williams also issued two challenges. One was for the government to produce "all" the reports of the Inspector of Trust Companies regarding the particular corporation under consideration. We assume, of course, that the officer submitted re-

ports. He had been inspecting our trust companies for two or three years, and we believe him to be a faithful, efficient official. What information did he give to the government? Mr. Bowser appeals for fair play, and he should have it. May we suggest also that this precious right be not denied the unhappy victims of the company's illegal operations? There should be an investigation of the whole affair by a tribunal uninfluenced by party politics. If Mr. Bowser or his colleagues have no responsibility, direct or indirect, in this unfortunate matter, a searching inquiry will establish the fact beyond cavil. More than that, it would show who was responsible—whether it was wholly Mr. Arnold, or if in his manipulations he had the association of anybody else in or out of the company. Mr. Bowser's speech did not close the case, able and comprehensive though it was.

MILITARY SITUATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There recently appeared a criticism by the Toronto Globe of the military situation in this province, in which it is stated that large numbers of men were being kept under arms here unnecessarily in order to relieve the labor situation. From that view we dissent. When the war started quite naturally and properly every militia unit in British Columbia was called out, for this province, as the Globe pointed out a few years ago, is the most vulnerable portion of the Dominion. The military requirements of Ontario could have been met with less men than were needed here. The unfortunate alliance of the Conservative party with the sedition group headed by Henri Bourassa—who although slandering the Empire is still at large—had left our coast-line with no other naval protection than that provided by the Rainbow, the training ship acquired by the previous administration, and until the Japanese cruiser Idzumo and the British cruiser Newcastle arrived on the scene we were not very comfortably situated in regard to sea defence. Thus it was necessary to call out all our land forces to protect the various vital points along the coast. It is true we still have a large number of men under arms. Some are training for foreign service, others are guarding railroads, bridges, military stores and stations, and while it may be true also that the expenditure in this respect has been very large in British Columbia, it would be well to remember that every other public service as well costs more to administer in this province than anywhere else in the Dominion owing to natural circumstances with which our eastern contemporaries must be familiar.

DOMINIONS AND PEACE TERMS.

Sir Richard McBride has given an interview to a representative of the Vancouver Province relating to a cabled extract from the London Times in which is expressed the opinion that when peace terms are considered by the British government representatives of the dominions should be consulted. He takes the ground that it would be bad taste for the dominions to insist upon that participation because they had contributed ships and men to the empire's defence. On the other hand he said it would be a gracious act if the imperial authorities voluntarily invited the dominion governments to their councils when the terms were under consideration. Speaking personally, he said that if he were directing the policy of the dominion he would say to Mr. Asquith:

"We are highly gratified with such an expression of appreciation—but we have confidence in the greater experience and wisdom of British statesmen in international affairs, and will accept as in the best interests of the Empire and the Allies any decision they may be able to arrive at."

In this respect, however, Sir Richard is in slight conflict with Sir Robert Borden, who, in a speech a few weeks ago, flatly declared that the dominions should have a voice in the foreign policy of the empire, and undoubtedly he referred to the consideration of terms of peace as well as to other matters of international import. The prime ministers of the other dominions expressed similar views. We do not believe, however, that there will be any insistence upon their part, or any need of it, in regard to this particular matter, for it is almost certain that they will be consulted. Certainly there would be no criticism of any terms proposed by Great Britain on the ground that they were too rigorous. The dominions will turn their thumbs down when yule Prussianism is seen.

Replying to a question in the House yesterday the Minister of Finance said that in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, the total sum paid by the government to the Victoria Colonists for all services was \$31,956.85. In the last four years our contemporary, directly and indirectly, has taken from the treasury which the morning paper treated Parker Williams's reply to the Attorney-General on the Dominion Trust scandal. To-morrow's issue will contain a verbatim report of Mr. Bowser's

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speech, which, though carefully edited, will run into many columns. Mr. Williams's reply is dismissed in a half column, a most contemptible, though characteristic, act. The Times, on the other hand, gives liberally of its space to the government and opposition speakers alike. We conceive this to be in accordance with a newspaper's duty to the reading public. We predict that the lid will be jammed down on Colonist legislative reports with especial force when the discussion on the expected legislation dealing with Jitneys takes place.

The heavily subsidized organ of the McBride government professes to be in a state of special exaltation over the masterly defence of the Attorney-General of his official conduct and the connection of his law firm with the Dominion Trust scandal. Many counsel learned in the law have delivered clever, ingenious, plausible and impassioned addresses before the courts in defence of prisoners at the bar, but they have not invariably convinced juries of the innocence of their clients of wrongdoing. In the case of the Dominion Trust it is the jury of public opinion, not organs that express views that are bought and paid for, that will return a verdict.

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HYMN OF HATE WHICH WON RED EAGLE.

The kaiser has conferred upon Ernest Lissauer, author of "The Hymn of Hate," the order of the Red Eagle of the Fourth Class, with the Royal Crown, according to a recent cable.

Lissauer's poem, a diatribe against

England, printed in Jugend, attracted a great deal of comment in Germany. An English version, by Barbara Henderson follows:

French and Russian, they matter not.
A blow for a blow and a shot for a shot;
We love them not, we hate them not.
We hold the Weltsch and Vosgesgate,
We have but one, and only hate,
We love as one, we hate as one.
We have one foe and one alone.

He is known to you all, he is known to

you all, he is known to you all,

He crouches behind the dark gray flood,

Full of envy, of rage, of craft, of gall,

Cut off by waves that are thicker than

blood.

Come, let us stand at the judgment place,

An oath to swear to, face to face,

An oath of bronze no wind can shake,

An oath for our sons and their sons to

take.

Come, hear the word, repeat the word,

Throughout the fatherland make it heard.

We will never forget our hate,

We have but a single hate,

We love as one, we hate as one,

We have one foe and one alone—

ENGLAND!

In the captain's mess, in the banquet hall,

Sat feasting the officers, one and all.

Like a sabre blow, like the swing of a

sabre.

One seized his glass held high to hate;

Sharp snapped like the stroke of a rud-

der's play.

Spoke three words only: "To the Day!"

Whose glass this fate?

They had all but a single hate.

Who was thus known?

They had one foe and one alone—

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Ye reckon well, but not well enough now.

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A blow for a blow, a shot for a shot!

We fight the battle with bronze and steel,

And the time that is coming peace will

see!

You will be hate with a lasting hate,

We will never forget our hate,

Hate of the head and hate of the hand,

Hate of the hammer and hate of the

crown.

Hate of seventy millions, choking down,

We love as one, we hate as one,

We have one foe and one alone—

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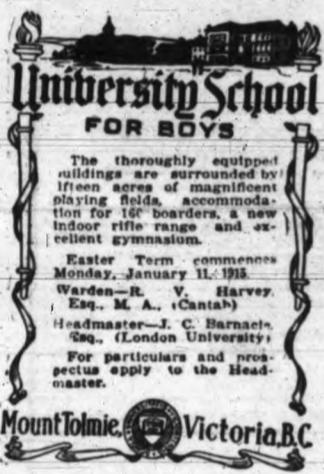
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Temperance Rally.—In connection with the movement for shortening the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors, a temperance rally will be held in the James Bay Methodist church on Sunday evening next at 8.30. Dr. Ernest Hall, J. Patrick and others will speak. All temperance people invited to be present.

American Society.—The regular meeting of the American society will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall, 724 Fort street, on Monday evening, Feb. 8, at 8 o'clock. After a short business meeting the rest of the evening will be of a social nature. Members and persons desiring to become members are invited to be present.

Series of Lectures.—Rev. Dr. Cameron will begin a course of Sunday evening lectures, the theme of the first to be the pastoral poem of the Book of Ruth. This will take place next Sunday evening. As this book is full of domestic simplicity and love, mingled with some tragic events, it lends itself easily to the discussion of the lecture.

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Special Services.—A series of special evangelist services will be held in the Douglas Street Baptist church, commencing on Sunday, February 7.

The week evening service will be preceded by a song service at 7.30. Resident ministers and others will take part. The public will be welcome to all the services.

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The Victoria General Motor Bus Company, Limited—City, Fort and Willows, leaving Douglas and View streets 7.45 a. m., from Willows 8 a. m. and every 40 minutes until 11 p. m. Sunday mornings through to E. & N. railway. Fares 5c. Six tickets for 25c. Head office 311 Pemberton building.

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A Paint Display.—Paints, stains, etc., as made by Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street, are on show in the Broad street windows of Messrs. Shortt, Hill & Duncan's Jewellery store, which they have kindly lent to assist the "Made-in-Victoria" movement. Part of the display consists of B. C. fir boards coated with "Nag" Interior stains, some of which are further finished by wax polish, or by coating with "Nag" Shellac and "Nag" Varnish or "Nag" Auto Polish. There are some fine samples of "Nag" Washable Wall Finish, which takes the place of the old style Kalsomine. "Nag" Liquid House Paints are also well in evidence. Newton & Greer, Co., also have another window display at 4306 Government Street, next to corner of Yates Street.

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Starts To-day on the Strathcona.—Another family started a dinner set of the Strathcona pattern, because it is a neat attractive pattern on first class English ware; it looks nice and wears well. Sold in sets or in individual pieces by R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Only a Limited Number of Tickets for Capital Ball, Feb. 15.

Wanted 1,000 people to eat Munro's Bon-Ton Bread and reduce cost of living.

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Unusual Admission Fee.—On Monday evening the meeting of the Centennial Epworth league will be in charge of the missionary committee. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. J. S. Inkster, who will deliver an address on "Modern methods of presenting the Gospel to Pagan Peoples." It has been decided by the committee to charge an entrance fee. The fee will be—as many cancelled postage stamps or post-cards as the hearer sees fit to give. The reason for this unique entrance fee is that missionaries in the foreign field present stamps of cancelled stamps or a post-card or two as a reward of merit for faithful work on part of the converts and others. Those bringing post-cards are asked to paste a piece of white paper over the back so as to cover up all writing. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Soldiers.—All "Jitneys" and Willows cars stop at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Yates and Douglas. Hear guitars for Sepia.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 5, 1890.

Tenders will be received up to Wednesday, February 12, for the construction of a ward for female prisoners in connection with the city lock-up.

One of the events which is already being looked forward to in this city with considerable interest is the visit of the Duke of Connaught in May next. His highness is the prospective successor to the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the forces, and is making the circuit around this way to fill that position.

An old dwelling house on Douglas street, near the corner of View street, is being removed to Yates street, opposite Van Volkenburgh's stables, to make room for Mr. John Turner's new brick building.

The officers of the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship company at Seattle are confident that the City of Kingston will be here by February 26.

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Mock Parliament—A large audience

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Special Citadel Meeting—Brigadier and Mrs. Green, of Vancouver, who will be accompanied by their daughter, will be leading special meetings at the Salvation Army Citadel this week-end. This evening there will be a praise meeting at 8 o'clock. Tomorrow morning there will be an especially interesting service, entitled

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A fool is never master of himself, much less of his people and wealth.—Buddha.

PARIS FASHIONS ARE QUITE NORMAL AGAIN

War Has Had Sobering Effect; Dressmaking Houses Still Doing Business

New York, Feb. 1.—It is said that Berlin has been much the same during the war as at other times, excepting for the war spirit, and the grief at the bulletin boards. It has been the Kaiser's wish that things should be as unaffected as possible, and, as he is well beloved, as well as feared, the people, especially the women, have shown their grief but little.

In Paris the fear of invasion was great, and immediately things were closed—no lights were allowed, the cafes could not be open, the theatres were shut down, and a curfew told people that their lights must be out. It was natural that this should affect business, but now things have changed and are taking on a much more normal outlook.

The dressmaking houses which have kept open are doing business, with the United States at least, and Rodier, the great manufacturer of fabrics, reports that he is furnishing materials to the Callot Sisters, Cherut, Premet and Beer.

The theatres are opening and many are crowded, but not by the fashionable audience that one would expect under different circumstances. The women of Paris are avoiding the extremes which have always been their hobby in style. The very tight skirt, which was thought would by this time be the Parisian style of the moment, has not as yet been fully accepted. However, the gowns which were worn by the actresses had certain elements worth remembering.

A dress of black velvet, which was worn by a French actress, had long tight-fitting sleeves and a square, low neck, with a Medici collar in the back. The shirt was full and drawn in around the bottom. A length of the velvet was draped over the hips and ended in a train. The entire gown was devoid of trimming, which gave a richness that no amount of embellishment could have added.

A charming afternoon dress with a bolero effect, and long sleeves, are striking features of the present style. The waist is made with an underwaist of crepe de chine with the bolero effect in wide lace. The sleeves of this outer waist are short and of the lace, while long net sleeves extend to the wrist. The skirt of crepe de chine is shirred several times at the waist and hips, and is finished at the top with a train of itself. Three graduated bands of net are the only trimming on the skirt. This is a frock which may be worn again and again, as its long sleeves and high collar give it a distinctly daytime air, while the material makes it elaborate enough for many evening functions.

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John W. Coburn, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Empress hotel.

C. S. Scott, of Saskatchewan, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. L. T. Seaver, of Port Townsend, is staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. J. A. Murray is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Whiteley, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

W. Evans and wife, of Seattle, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Dr. A. Knight, of Chilliwack, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

E. B. Mendelsohn, of Montreal, is registered at the Empress hotel.

Miss G. M. Batten, of Cobble Hill, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Capt. H. H. Beadwell, of Comox, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss M. F. Légaré, of Ganges Harbor, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

J. A. Heaman, of Winnipeg, was an arrival yesterday at the Empress hotel.

H. S. Hill is in the city from Portland. He is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

S. Heaney, of Winnipeg, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Wilson of Vancouver, is in the city. He is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

C. H. Baird, of Toronto, was among those registered at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw, of Stettler, Alta., registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. E. Brouse, of New Denver, is a guest at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday.

Mrs. P. Smith, of Portland, Oregon, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

G. F. Robinson, of Nelson, has arrived in the city and is staying at the Empress hotel.

C. E. Frost, of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday and is staying at the Empress hotel.

John Coyle, of Chicago, has arrived in the city, and registered at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. S. O. Campbell, of Rossland, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Empress hotel.

J. W. Stewart, president of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, was in the city for a few hours yesterday in consultation with D'Arcy Tate, vice-president. He had just returned from an inspection trip over the road.

The winners of prizes at the weekly meeting of the Ivy Leaf Social club, which convened on Thursday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall, were as follows: First lady, Mrs. Armstrong; second lady, Mrs. Hallett; third lady, Mrs. O'Connor; first gentleman, Mr. Hopwood; second gentleman, Mr. Brady; and third gentleman, Mr. Burn.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of 40 Hillside avenue, last week celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, this event taking place at Brookford, Illinois, in 1865. After a few years' residence in Marysville, Kansas, they decided to remove to Victoria, travelling by way of San Francisco, thence arriving here in October, 1875. Being such old residents in the city, they were well-known here, and on the occasion of their golden wedding day last week many old friends called during the afternoon and evening to offer congratulations and best wishes for the future. The recep-

though they could consent to the wearing them on everything again.

There is no way to tell just what the lingerie waist of the summer will become. There is said to be a revival of the old "button-in-the-back" waists and trimmings of braid and buttons in military effect in the front.

Dainty volta waists are shown, some pin-tucked and others of the plain material trimmed with washable cord or braid and little soft crochet buttons and with a dainty collar which stands high in the back, but does not keep the front of the neck from being free and open to the air.

Overblouse and coat effects are very popular and will no doubt be used, especially for the very dressy waists.

The chiffon or chiffon cloth blouse of putty, sand or biscuit colors are very smart and very practical this winter. They are made with high collar and usually button straight up the front with small silk-covered buttons. The waist of crepe de chine is also very good, especially when made with large rever, which fall gracefully in the front.

In an illustration is shown a new blouse, collarless, with the neck cut in the new Calot square, which is most becoming and far less trying than the usual square or Dutch neck. The model is developed in crêpe net and untrammelled, except for a cord outlining the neck. The skirt worn with this waist is an excellent one for the separate skirt, as it is made with a yoke and front in one and pleats at the side, causing the skirt to flare in the up-to-date manner at the sides.

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THE PRICE OF WATER.

To the Editor: I notice that a committee will inquire into the question of reduced water charges to manufacturers. This matter is one I think that should not be restricted to manufacturers alone but could well be extended to private residences, etc.

Our water charges at present are too high, and the minimum charge of \$1 per month whether you use water or not is to my mind one that should be abolished.

In Vancouver an average family can use all the household water, and also for the garden, for about 90c per month on flat rate. This is about one-half the legal price, taking into consideration water used on lawns, etc., in the summer.

In these days of economy, I think the committee would do well to look into the above matter.

OUT FOR ECONOMY.

Feb. 4.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN SAANICH.

To the Editor:—In the advertising columns of the Times I notice the statement, "We have solved the great problem of unemployment." This sounds good, at least for the unemployed who are fortunate enough to reside within the city limits. But what about the great number of unemployed in the municipality of Saanich? I have been out of employment, except for a few odd jobs during the last five months, and there are hundreds in a similar condition. Last Tuesday I visited the rooms of the Central Employment Bureau and was surprised to find that a resident in Saanich was not eligible for registration. I was also informed that there was plenty of work in Saanich; by the way I had just seen a Saanich foreman, who stated that he had

two hundred unemployed on his list. The "back to the land" movement, advocated strongly by the government, real estate agents and others interested in the welfare of the young masses seems to have given way to the "back to the city" movement. I know several cases where men of the working class in Saanich have had to leave their homes, after partly paying for them, so that they might hold their jobs in the city. I understand that the Employment Bureau are sending men into the country; why then should a Saanich resident be confined to one particular area? The suggestion of your correspondent "Robin Hood" seems to me to be a good one, that the government be induced to send a few hundred unemployed back to the old land, where it is not necessary for women and young children to get out and hustle for a living.

HOODWINK.

Patent Checking Device, for Which Stock is Now Being Sold, May Soon Come into Regular Use.

Each passing day brings out its quota of inventions, but that brought out by the Canadian Automatic Parcel Checking Company, Ltd., stands out by reason of its entire novelty. A small block of the capital stock of this company is being placed on the market in this city, the representative being E. A. Brown of the Sayward building.

The invention is designed to replace to some extent the present system of checking light baggage, overcoats, etc. The idea is to have cabinets made of pressed steel on which are fixed patent locks, which are closed by placing a ten cent piece in the slot provided. The device allows a user to take the key away, which is his check for the baggage he has put in. In this way the promoters claim that a good deal of annoyance, delay and incivility can be avoided.

Mr. Mold, the undertaker, was a hustler. In his opinion even a funeral could be made a thing of beauty, not of joy for ever. He stood on the kerbstone surveying with much pride a glorious motor hearse, his latest innovation. "What do you think of it?" he asked a friend. "Pretty smart, eh?" "Splendid, old man; people will be simply dying to ride in it!"

AT THE THEATRES.

PICTURES WORTH SEEING.

A series of pictures which are well worthy of a visit, are being shown at the Royal Victoria theatre for the last time to-night. The pictures are clear and distinct, and include subjects that have not been seen before in Victoria. They also embrace two good comedies, a comedy drama, and a two-reel feature film which hold the interest of the audience from the beginning. The performance starts to-night at 7, and runs continuously until 11 p.m.

BROADWAY JONES."

To-night will be the closing performance of George M. Cohan's great comedy, "Broadway Jones," at the Princess theatre. The Allen Players have undoubtedly added to their list of regular patrons by their fine performance of this bill. Next week the attraction is to be George Kleine's "The Third Degree." When produced by this company a couple of seasons ago at the old Victoria theatre, it drew capacity business. Full of dramatic intensity it is a play "with a purpose," and that purpose is to show the cruelty in the system of subjecting criminals to the third degree.

Miss Verna Felton will make her re-appearance, after a week's rest, in the role of the girl-wife. Irving Kennedy will appear in the strong character part of Judge Brewster. The rest of the company have been carefully cast, and a very fine performance is promised. The Monday bargain night attendances have grown steadily each week, until a packed house resulted, last Monday night.

"MUTT AND JEFF."

"Mutt and Jeff in a new guise will be seen at Royal Victoria theatre, Tuesday and Wednesday with a Wednesday matinee.

After three seasons of veritable triumph, Gus Hill comes back for a fourth season with his perennial success in an entire new dress. "In Mexico" is the title of the story that is to form a back-ground for Bud Fisher's inimitable characters. The new production is an innovation of play craftsman's work, embodying about all of the real meat of standard amusement; the thrill of the melodrama, the sidesplitting situation of the farce comedy, the extravagance and tinselled brilliancy of the burlesque, and the harmonious art of musical comedy. Mr. Hill has spent more money and greater energy in this season's "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico" than on any of the previous productions, so great is his faith in the lasting qualities of the cartoon play. The story, music, lyrics, scenery and electrical effects are all new. Mr. Hill has selected a cast superior in every respect to any he has yet been able to offer.

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE

The very popular vaudeville programme which has enthralled the interest of thousands of patrons this week at Pantages will complete its run in Victoria with the usual performances this evening. "The Wrong Bird," that bright and tuneful musical comedy, should not be missed, and the other features on the bill are also of very high quality.

Next week there will be shown for the first time in this city pictures of the Italian earthquake which so recently shocked the world. In this the management is to be congratulated on having secured one of the best drawing cards for some time. The views are really wonderful, and give a very vivid and complete impression of the destruction that has been wrought in Italy by the forces of nature.

The Great Golden troupe of Russian dancers here next week are bound to prove strong favorites. They are said to be the cleverest exponents of the art of terpsichore who have visited Victoria in a long time. Not alone are they headliners in this connection, but they are instrumentalists of no mean order.

Conditions as they exist in the Chinese quarters of some of the coast cities are very strongly depicted in the sketch, "The War of the Tonga." The piece is remarkably well staged, and the historical ability of those taking part is far away above the average.

The Gordon Brothers, in a singing and dancing novelty, promise to inject a good deal of rollicking fun into the programme, which will be sustained also by Dunlap and Virdin with their famous act entitled "Bits of Wit." Bertie Fowler, already well known here, will make a welcome re-appearance with her inimitable songs, impersonations and monologue. Miss Fowler is reckoned one of the cleverest comedienne in vaudeville, and she will undoubtedly be a big attraction all the week.

Altogether the bill promises to be as good as ever seen here.

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Knights of Columbus.

Victoria Council No. 1256, Knights of Columbus, had a large attendance at the last regular meeting, and much important business was disposed of in record time. A communication was received from Bro. Coulthard, who some time ago gave up an important posi-

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During these war times many special calls are made on the funds of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, and it is hoped that the dance will prove such a financial success that the members will not require to make any further calls on the generosity of their friends for the rest of the year.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act on the floor committee: Drs. W. E. Home, Hudson, H. E. Ridewood, Geo. Hall and Lutin, Messrs. F. B. Pemberton, H. G. Garrett, W. H. Silver, Despard and Warren Pemberton, Tom Meredith Jones and J. D. Virtue. Miss Thain's orchestra in supplying the music, and the catering is in excellent hands.

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BORN.

LOST—On 4th inst., the wife of S. Sherk, 465 Shear street, son, DIED.

HARPER—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 4th inst., Sarah Jane, 61 years, the wife of Harper, 61 years, a resident of the York St. N. E., a resident of this city for 26 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 from her late residence, Craigflower road, east of Lampeau street, and from St. Saviour's church at 2.45. Interment will take place in the family plot, Ross Bay.

McARTIN—At Cordova Bay, at the home of his late mother, Margaret McArtin, Feb. 6, occurred the death of Elvira Sketcher McArtin, in her 21st year, a native of Victoria. Funeral announcement later.

GULL—On the 4th inst., at his home, St. Charles street, occurred the very sudden death of William Henry Gull, aged 45 years, a member of Victoria Lodge, A. O. F., born in London, England. He is survived by a widow.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, at 2.30 p.m. from the parlors of Hanna & Thompson, 27 Pandore avenue, Rev. Baugh Allen officiating. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends please accept this intimation.

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Mr. Robt. H. Collie and relatives wish to express their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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HOW MILITARY ORDER WILL BE GOVERNED

Canada Gazette Republishes Official Regulations; Coal Company in Skeena District

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COMPANY HAD CREDIT

WHEN WORK STARTED

Assessor Kerry Asks Questions

Relative to the Westholme

Company Contract

Assessor Kerry questioned James Raymur yesterday afternoon while the latter was in the witness box giving evidence for the city in the suit brought by the Westholme company in regard to the Sooke lake water contract. Mr. Kerry desired to ascertain the responsibility Mr. Raymur felt in regard to designs and estimates and the carrying-out of the construction. Mr. Raymur's reply was that he believed the engineers were responsible, and in event of complaints he always had referred them to the engineers if the complaints first came to him. The assessor asked what had been done to establish the company's financial and practical ability to carry out the work. The witness replied that a satisfactory balance sheet had been presented. In which he believed there had been a credit of between \$400,000 and \$500,000. On the question of practical ability the company had successfully carried through part of the Ross Bay sea wall.

The dismissal of an engineer named McClure, who had been working as construction superintendent for the Westholme company, was mentioned by the assessor to Mr. Raymur. He explained that the city had received information from a special sanitary inspector who was also sworn as a special constable that McClure had been taking lumber belonging to the city and using it. Witness had written to the company asking for McClure's dismissal.

During the afternoon Mr. Taylor referred to the contract between the city and Wynn Meredith, the consulting engineer. He said that from the contract it appeared that the consulting engineer was to get \$18,000, whether the by-law had been passed or killed by the ratemakers.

For the purpose of controverting the suggestion of delay on the part of the city as alleged by the company, the city called Ivor Halland, chairman and rodman for the engineers, and J. Krog, of an engineers' location gang. Both were graduates of a correspondence school. Halland said when he went to work on the flow line on which witness worked until June, His gang had kept ahead of the station men.

Repeating his statement that there had been delays by the city in the delivery of stakes R. McClure, recalled for the plaintiff, said